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A Plan of the Action at Bunkers Hill on the 17th of June 1775 between His Majesty's Troops, Under the Command of Major General Howe, and the American Forces . . .

Stock#: 50590
Map Maker: Stedman / Faden
Date: 1793
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 17 inches
Price: \$2,800.00



Description:

Nice example of William Faden's important Revolutionary War battle plan of Bunker Hill, as issued by William Stedman in 1793.

The present example has a single fold and very wide margins, evidently issued in a special composite atlas, rather than having been folded into a copy of Stedman's *History of the American War*.

Faden's plan of Bunker Hill is one of the earliest and most famous of Faden's battle plans of the American Revolution. The map captures the action in and around the American Fortifications at Breed's Hill and Bunker Hill, in what would become the most famous of all early battles of the American Revolution. Washington had boldly fortified the area under the nose of the British in the days prior to the battle and worked all night to establish strong fortifications the night before the battle.

Thomas Hyde Page, an English military engineer who served as aide de campe to General Howe during the action, prepared this detailed plan of the Battle of Bunker Hill. It is the best known and most commonly reproduced plan of the battle. Originally published by Faden shortly after the battle, this edition



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of the map appeared in 1793, accompanying Stedman's *History of the American War*. It depicts redoubts, fences, and hedgerows in great detail, as well as the lines of march of attacking forces, British ships, and the Corps Hill battery with lines of fire.

Approximately 2,100 British troops under the command of General Thomas Gage stormed Breed's Hill, where colonial soldiers were encamped. In their fourth charge up the hillside, the British took the hill from the rebels, who had run out of ammunition. After suffering more than 1,000 casualties during their attacks on Breed's Hill, the British halted their assaults on rebel strongholds in Boston. The last rebels left on the hill evaded capture by the British thanks to the heroic efforts of Peter Salem, an African-American soldier who mortally wounded the British commanding officer who led the last charge.

This example includes the overflap which shows the first days action, which is frequently missing.

Detailed Condition:

Minor tears, primarily in the margins, expertly repaired on verso.